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ACCOUNT
 OF A MOST
Barbarous and Bloody
MURTHUR,

COMMITTED

By *Esther Ives*, with the Assistance of
John Noyse a Cooper ; on the Body
 of *William Ives*, her Husband, at *Rum-*
sey in *Hampshire*, on the Fifth day of
February 1686. Together with the
 Miraculous and Wonderful Discovery
 of the Murther and Murtherers.

A S A L S O

An Account of their TRYALS at the last Assizes, holden
 at *Winchester*, where being found guilty of the said Mur-
 ther, they received Sentence of Death, viz. *John Noyse*
 to be Hang'd, and *Esther Ives* to be Burnt. With their
 manner of Behaviour and Execution, according to the
 said Sentence.

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By Ellen Jones; with the Assistance of
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of William Ingham, at New-
bury in Hampshire, on the Fifth day of
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Miscellaneous and Wonderful Discovery
of the Murder and Murders.



A S. A. L. S. O.

An Account of their TRYALS as the late Attorney General
at Newbury where being found guilty of the said Murder
they received Sentence of Death by the Court. With the
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MAny and Notorious have been the Murthers of
 late committed by divers Wicked People, and
 in sundry manners: But I think none in the
 Horridness of the Action can exceed, if paral-
 lel, what I am about to relate; and for which, as you will
 plainly find, the Hand of Justice overtook the Murthers
 and brought them to their deserved Punishment. The
 Relation of which, take as followeth.

In *West-Weller*, a place in the County of *Hants* or *Hampshire*, about two miles from the Town of *Rumsey*, Lived one *John Noyse*, by Trade a Cooper, but a Person of ill Fame, and a very desolute Liver. This Man keeping Company, in a more familiar manner, than was convenient, with the Wife of one *William Ives*, who kept a Victualling-House in *Rumsey*, known by the sign of the *Hatchet*. On the fifth day of *February* last, he stayed there drinking till about one or two of the clock in the morning, at what time, as it afterward appeared, *Ives's* Wife and *Noyse* having conspired against *Ives*, Murthered him by strangling or breaking his Neck, to make a freer way for their unlawful Lust; Or as it is conjectured, being rid of him, they might Marry. However *Ives's* Children, who were in the House, having notice that their Father was dead, which their Mother had possessed them happened naturally or suddenly, they fell into loud Lamentations; which the Town Bell-man, being then upon his Rounds, hearing, and much desirous to know the cause of the Childrens cries at so unseasonable a time, came under the Window of *Ives's* House and calling to them, demanded the reason? who, with mournful voices, told him their Father was dead. At which, the Bell-man being somewhat surpris'd, for that a little before, he had heard *Ives* in a kind of a disorderly or confused Tone, cry out or say; What dost thou do to me, *Noyse*? went and acquainted the Constable of the Watch therewith: who talking along with him a Guard, came to the House of the said *Ives*; and upon their coming thither, found that the Wife had been abroad to light a Candle; and likewise at a House, known by the Sign of the *Black Boy*, and there

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had called up the Woman, to have of her Some Strong-water; under pretence that her Husband was very much indisposed; but upon their entering the Houſe of *Ives*, and going up ſtairs; they found *Noſſe* and *Eſther Ives* the Wife, very buſie about *Ives*, who was indeed dead, in dreſſing him: *viz.* putting on his Breeches, Stockings, Shoes, and other wearing Apparel; having newly as was ſuppoſed, taken him out of his Bed, it being then warm. The Deſign of which, as many imagined, and they in part confeſſed was, that being ſo cloathed; they would have tumbled him down ſtairs, that ſo the Bruiſes ther by occaſioned might colour the Pretence they intended to make: that he accidentally and unfortunately fell down them, and ſo conſequently had loſt his Life. But they being known to be People of bad Converſations, the Conſtable would not be ſo ſatisfied; but with the Light he then had, proceeded to make a narrower Inſpection into the unhappy Buſineſs: Cauſing the Dead Body to be diligently ſearched, ſecuring at the ſame time *Noſſe* and *Eſther Ives*, as ſuſpecting the matter to be otherwiſe than they pretended; whoſe pretence then was, that he dyed ſuddenly of ſome extraordinary Diſtemper, at which they could not gueſs. But upon a narrow ſearch of the Body, much violence appeared to be done to the Neck of the Party deceaſed, either by ſtrangling or twiſting; inſomuch that the Blood had iſſued from him in abundance, and ſtained the the Pillow whereon his head had lain; as alſo upon his Shirt: And it further appeared, that through the vehemency of his Strugling and Contending for Life, his Water had come from him, with which not only his Shirt, but part of the Bed was wet.

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These plain signs and palpable demonstrations of a Murther, made the Constable, and those that were his Attendance, make a narrower search upon the Criminals; and thereupon found much Blood upon *Esther Ives*, supposed and verily conjectured to proceed from her Husband; either when she was Assistant to *Nayse*, in perpetrating the wicked and unnatural Murther; or when she went about to remove him. However that night they were both secured, and the next day carried before a Justice; who, upon examining the Business, and by the two Chyrurgeons that viewed the Body, finding it Murther, according to the Circumstances as before-mentioned; & they having nothing material to offer in their own defence, committed them to *Rumsey Gaol*, where they continued in order to their Tryals, till the Judges came in their Circuit to *Winchester* in the County aforesaid; to hold there the *Leinen Assize*: at what time, being brought from *Rumsey* to *Winchester*, in order to take their Tryals, the Coroners Inquest having before found it wilful Murther.

The Assize aforesaid, being held on the 24th. day of February last, they were brought to their Tryals: where *Nayse*, after the Evidence was given

given against him, as to the Circumstances of the Murther, pleaded in his own defence; That being in *Ivess* his House, a Quarel hap-
pened between the said *Ives* and his Wife, and that all that he did on that occasion, was only to interpose, that he might do the good Office of part-
ing them: but *Esther Ives*, did in Court declare that *Noyse* was the Person who Murther'd her Husband. Upon which, and the other Circumstances, the Ju-
ry after some consideration of the Matter of Fact; gave in their Verdict, That *John Noyse* and *Esther Ives*, were guilty of the wilful Murther whereof they stood Indicted. So that in the close of the
Assize, they accordingly received Sentence of Death, *Viz.* the former to be Hang'd and the latter to be
Burnt; and so returned to Prison, in order to be Executed according to the said Sentences.

The 11th. day of March, the day appoin-
ted for their Execution being come, they were by the Sheriffs Officers taken out of
Winchester Gaol: where for some days they had remained, to bewail their Wicked and
Barbarous Act; and being placed upon one Horse, were in that manner conveyed to *Ramsay*, the place
ordered for their Execution; Where *John Noyse*
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turning to the Spectators, who came to see him Executed, desired them, especially the younger sort, above all things, not to prophane the Sabbath-day, but to keep it with all Reverence and due Regard; as likewise, to refrain from Drunkenness, which occasions so many evils and mischiefs in the world. He confessed he had long kept company with *Esther Ives*, in a lascivious and unlawful Manner. After this and some other Expressions, he went up the Ladder, and when the Rope was made fast, turned himself off; and about half an hour after, was cut down, in order to his Interment or Burial.

Esther Ives being brought to the Stake, said very little; but being fastened thereto, and the Fuel placed about her; after the Executioner had strangled her, the Fire was kindled, and she consumed to Ashes. And thus, Reader, the miserable Wretches came to a shameful, though a deserved end; which I hope may be a Warning to deter others from committing the like Crime.